



# Maricopa County Board of Supervisors

News Release

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### Dedication of Laveen Area Conveyance Channel

WHO: Supervisor Mary Rose Wilcox and Flood Control District of Maricopa County

WHAT: Laveen Area Conveyance Channel dedication

WHEN: Wednesday, December 14, 2005 at 9:00 AM

WHERE: southeast corner of 43<sup>rd</sup> Ave. & Southern

The Flood Control District of Maricopa County is hosting a dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony for the Laveen Area Conveyance Channel (LACC) on Wednesday, December 14, 2005. The ceremony will be emceed by Supervisor Mary Rose Wilcox and will be held at the LACC flood detention basin, at the southeast corner of 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Southern Avenue.

The construction of the LACC has invigorated the Laveen area with a scenic multi-use flood control structure. Both the channel and the basin are grass-lined and will become part of the City of Phoenix Park System.

In addition to enhancing the aesthetics and recreational opportunities in the area, Supervisor Mary Rose Wilcox explains another benefit, "Laveen's location in a flood basin had prevented development before. This project allows for growth as never before.

The LACC is part of the Laveen Area Drainage Master Plan. This project runs from 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue to the Salt River for a length of 5.8 miles, and is a joint venture among the District, the City of Phoenix, Maricopa County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) and the Salt River Project (SRP). The LACC includes a conveyance channel and concrete culvert street crossings capable of conveying the 100-year flood. It also includes the flood detention basin at 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Southern Avenue.

Supervisor Wilcox says, "This project is an example of how county, city and private partnerships can benefit a community."

The LACC Project was constructed by CS Construction and FNF Construction between 2003 and 2005. The landscape contractor, Valley Crest Landscaping, will finish establishing the turf in the spring of 2006, at which point the LACC Project will be turned over to the City of Phoenix.